

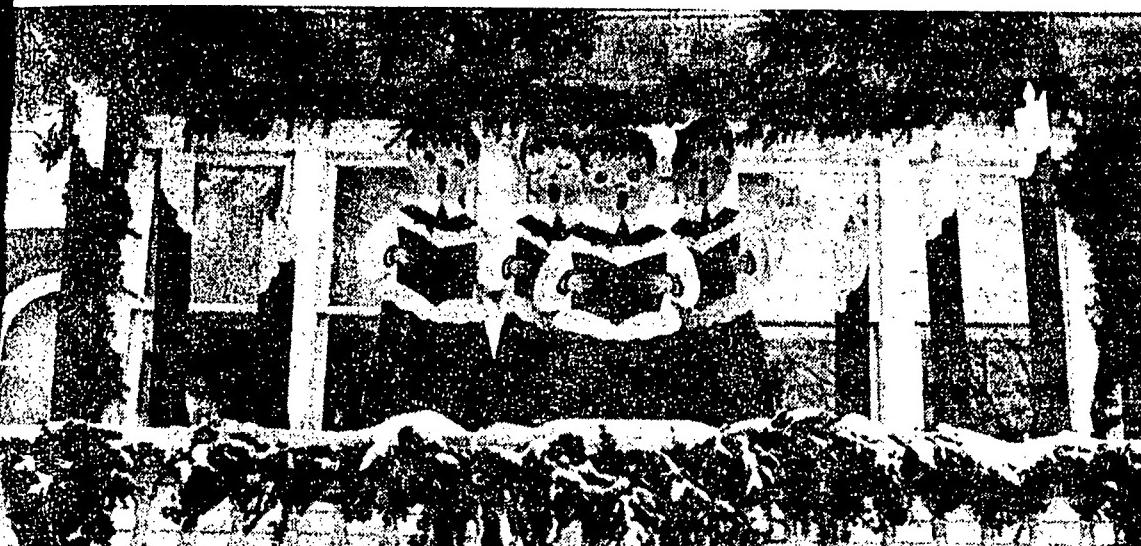
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THEY BRING CHRISTMAS INTO YOUR HEARTS . . . Four happy carolers, made by President W. Jones, present one of the many Christmas scenes this year on the campus.

Record Number Have Registered As Pre-Registration Nears Close

According to Mr. R. P. Foster, registrar, more students registered during the first three days of pre-registration this year than have ever done so before. Pre-registration for the second semester ends today, Dec. 21.

Any student who has not registered by Dec. 21 will have to wait until Jan. 26. Students who have registered may pay their fees anytime before Jan. 26, at the Business Office.

Advisement sheets should be returned immediately to the Registrar's Office.

Turn Books and Pay Fees

After registration booklets have been signed by the advisers, the physical education department, dean of men or women, and the college nurse, the booklets may be turned in at the Business Office when the students pay their fees. The persons who must give their maturities may be found in the following places: the office of the advisers, Miss Bonnie Magill's office, and Mrs. V. T. Smith's office in the men's gym.

Students who plan to pay their fees Jan. 26 may file their booklets with their advisers, or they may keep them. However, if permits are lost, duplicates will not be issued.

All petitions for excess credit should be filed in the Registrar's Office. Those students who have pre-registered may file their petitions on Saturday, Jan. 26, or not later than Monday, Jan. 28.

Students who have pre-registered but are failing courses this semester should check with their advisers at the end of the semester to make sure a change of program is not necessary. Changes may be necessary since some courses are required as prerequisites for others.

Students who registered for courses numbered 100 or 200 but do not meet the requirements for entry in these courses will not be granted credit at the end of the course. It is the student's responsibility to check with his adviser to make certain that he is eligible to carry these courses.

Registration to Be in Offices

Registration for second semester will be held in the Administration building instead of in the Library. Faculty advisers will be in their offices; the advisers for the Division of Education will be in Room 207; advisers for physical education will be in Room 225 and advisers for industrial arts and engineering will be in Room 122. The permit desk will be in the Registrar's Office.

Changes of program may be made by the students without penalty during the first three weeks of instruction. Thereafter, a fee is assessed for each change excepting withdrawal from a course. The deadline for dropping courses the second semester is Friday, Feb. 15, 1957.

Each Class Gains Two Senate Seats

Students went to the polls Wednesday, Dec. 12, to elect two persons from each class to the Student Senate. The following people were elected: Marilyn O'Connor and Norman Higginbotham, seniors; Gene James and Joyce Ely, juniors; Ed Kavanaugh and Don Moore, sophomores; Homer Williams and Donna Sue Jones, freshmen.

These newly-elected Senate members will replace the senators whose terms have expired, and will take office at the first Senate meeting.

Bands Will Play To Help Boosters

Mr. Earle Moss has organized two pep bands for the coming basketball season. One band is called the Green, and the other, the White band. These bands will play every other home game.

Members of the Green band are Mary Abmeyer, Elaine Andrews, Norma Bergstrom, Alma Colhoun, George Chaney, Ronald Clark, Louise Daily, Sandra Davis, Priscilla Drake, Bob Dreher, Helen Francisco, Grover Harper, Grace Hascall, Gary Jones, Ona Morrison, Ronald Parrish, Sharon Pittsbarber, Martin Taylor, Mary Ellen Watkins and Robert Williamson.

Members of the White band are Don Bills, Everett Boyer, Kathryn Clark, Marsha Daniels, Raedene Eberle, Charles Elliott, Marcia Ely, Gary Funkhouser, Kay Helton, Larry Kessler, Karen Kinnick, Robert Kurtz, Bill Lippincott, James McIntyre, Shirley Noelck, Richard Pixler, Anna Roberts, Dorothy Shook, Gary Tolen, Edwin Traster, Sherri Warner, Gary Williams, Homer Williams.

Veterans Contribute Tree for Second Time

Students are admiring the beautiful Christmas Tree in the lower hall of the Administration building, placed there by the Veterans' Club. This is the second year that this organization has decorated a Christmas tree for the enjoyment of all.

The Veterans Club, although not in competition with other organizations on the campus, is sponsoring many worthwhile projects that will improve campus conditions.

The Veterans are now supporting the Student Loan Fund.

Chemistry Department To Have New Addition

Chemistry tables are being built for the new chemistry room by school employees. Robert Seipel is the carpenter in charge. These tables are expected to be finished during Christmas vacation.

There will be space for 27 students working individually and locker space for 98 students. Four sections will use this room. A single row of tables will be against the wall and there will also be two rows with double desks.

Four Students Rate High

At Winfield, Kansas, recently, in competition with students from 48 colleges and universities, the following students received high ratings for NMSC: Larry Brown and Vern Ball, excellent in discussion; Joanne Setzer, excellent in poetry reading preliminaries; and Gloria McConkey, excellent in oratory finals.

Dwight Cooke to Speak For Third Time at College

Dwight Cooke, distinguished foreign correspondent, news analyst, and author, will appear in the College assembly, Monday, January 7, at 10 a.m. This assembly will mark the third appearance for Mr. Cooke at the College. In four years of lecturing he has set up a record of rebooked engagements: more than 92 per cent of the groups before whom he has talked have immediately rebooked him for repeat appearances.

Two decades of unceasing traveling and of interviewing the top leaders of our times have given Mr. Cooke an unparalleled background of experience and objectivity upon which to build his dramatic reports on the challenging world which confronts us in this critical period of modern history.

Cooke Predicts Accurately

Not only reporting and analyzing what is happening now, Dwight Cooke dares project his judgments into the world ahead of us. Each year on the lecture platform he predicts some of the most important developments which will challenge Americans during the year to come. These predictions have been startlingly accurate.

1951: (a full year before the national election) "Truman will not run; Taft cannot be nominated; Stevenson is the only logical Democratic candidate; Eisenhower will be the next president of the United States."



Dwight Cooke

1953: "Formosa cannot successfully invade mainland China; the Korean Truce means victory for the communists in Indo-China."

Lecturer Talks With Leaders

With his headquarters in New York, traveling to Washington once a week when in the United States, lecturing coast to coast, flying to Europe, the Near East, North Africa, the Balkans, south of the border and to every country of Asia, Dwight Cooke talks off the record with the leaders of the world and collects first hand information which enables him to pinpoint the crises areas.

Brilliantly analyzing where we stand and where we are going, Mr. Cooke combines frank and forthright commentary with vivid human interest reporting. His traveling, writing and radio-TV schedule permit only a limited number of lecture engagements.

Students' Condition Continues to Improve

The condition of two students who were injured in a two-car collision when returning to school from the Thanksgiving holiday continues to improve. Both students, who are seniors, are still confined to their beds in St. Mary's Hospital at Nebraska City, Nebraska.

William Carolus is expected to be dismissed soon. The confinement period of Paul Fore is still indefinite. Both students suffered shock and cuts in the mishap. Paul also received a broken arm.



SHOULD WE OR SHOULDN'T WE? . . . Is the question Della Comer and Barbara Stuber ask themselves as Winifred Haines urges them to enter the Gingerbread House in the forthcoming production of Hansel and Gretel.



JOLLY OLD ST. NICK . . . brightens the pre-Christmas days as he stands in the halls of Horace Mann.

On Christmas

Oh, Christmas is a merry time,
And mixed with holy word and chime.
But—
Who is this boy, alone and sad,
Without a Santa or a Dad?
Who is that lady near four score,
That may a Christmas see no more?
Who is the woman, old and gray,
But with a heart yet young and gay?
Who are these people left forlorn—
And on the day that Christ was born?

—Louise Daily

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Burtzel Cook of Osceola, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter Mildred to Everett Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead of New Virginia, Iowa.

Mildred a junior, is an education major, and Everett, a freshman, is undecided about his major.

Mr. and Mrs. Norral Smith of Orient, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter Shirley to Wayne Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jensen of Greenfield, Iowa.

Shirley, a freshman, is a sixty hour elementary education major. Wayne is in the navy and is stationed at Bemerton, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester West of Prescott, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Eileen, to Daniel Maurice Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Sullivan of Corning, Iowa. Miss West is a freshman at McPherson College at McPherson, Kansas. Mr. Sullivan is a junior at Northwest Missouri State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid, Atchison, Kansas, announce the engagement of their daughter June to Joseph Bullock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius G. Bullock of Bendena, Kansas.

June, a freshman, is an elementary education major. Joseph is currently farming near Bendena. No date has been set for the wedding.

Exchange Note

Any student cutting his last class, chapel, or family work assignment prior to, or the first such obligation immediately after, any regular vacation period shall be dropped from the College. His request for reinstatement may be considered by the Personnel Committee and, if approved, will be effective on payment of a cash fee of \$5.00 by the student.

The Park Stylus
Park College
Parkville

Little Wooden Carolers Made by Dr. Jones, Proclaim Happy Holiday to Passers-By

Santa's famed Christmas workshop at the North Pole seldom turns out artistic house decorations comparable to those made by Dr. J. W. Jones, president of the College. This year, Dr. Jones has arranged four carolers on the railings of the south porch of his home.

The choir boys, about three and one-half feet tall, are dressed in red robes with white surplices, and each holds his book of carols. Like the small boys they represent, they reveal a suggestion of mischief behind the almost angelic poise they exhibit.

On each side of the group are three candles of graduated size, striped with reflecting tape. Underneath are arranged evergreens wound with blue Christmas lights. Snow, recently fallen, seems a fitting part of the picture.

At night, when lights are focused on them, the carolers appear especially joyous.

Dr. Jones also created the jovial Santa who, carrying a lighted lantern in one uplifted hand, is standing in the entrance hall at Horace Mann, as well as groups of snowman figures, used as decor at the all-school ball, and the shadow box in his office, with its varying treatment of the Christmas theme.

That the President borrowed Tom Sawyer's technique in getting some of the figures painted is questioned. He gives credit to several friends for moral support, but insists that he did most of the work to prove to those doubting Thomases that he could finish the figures before the holiday season.

The decorations made two years ago—Santa's sleigh and the reindeer—have again been used on the campus, too. Dr. Jones asserts that all his handiwork is made for fun, his own, and those who see it. He feels repaid if his exertions make a happier Christmas for those on the campus.

Comes Your Christmas . . .

Christmas as currently observed is a complex of world religions. It reflects almost every phase of thought and feeling from crude magic and superstition to the reasoning mysticism of Saint Bernard, from the mere delight in physical indulgence to the exquisite spirituality of Saint Francis.

Mystic and materialistic, learned and simple, noble and peasant, all have found something upon which they might lay hold. Our Christmas of today is a Nile and an Amazon, her tributaries flowing in from every side, from Oriental religion, from Greek and Roman civilization, from Celtic, Teutonic, Slavic, and probably pre-Aryan societies, all mingling their waters into one, so that in the end one cannot be distinguished from the other in this great ocean of custom and beliefs.

At no other time is so much made of children, and because Christmas is their feast, its luster continues unabated in an age where dogmatic Christianity has largely lost its hold and laughs at the pagan superstitions of its forefathers.

Christmas is the feast of the beginning and not the end, of happy childhood, and a new sparkle in once dull eyes; the Christmas idea of the immortal Babe renewing weary stained humanity. It blends with the thought of the New Year, with its hopes of promise, laid in the cradle of time.

—Bill Morse.

They're Talking About . . .

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT . . . The Bearcats winning their first home game . . . the spirit at the game . . . long lines at pre-registration . . . new buzzers in Residence Hall . . . only three more days until vacation.

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT . . . Christmas decorations at the Union and elsewhere on the campus . . . the Hanging of the Green . . . the Vet's Club Christmas tree . . . the Teke's Christmas Dinner-Dance and the party for the orphans . . . the IC caroling party . . . Christmas shopping . . . sorority Christmas parties.

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT . . . final exams so close . . . slick streets and sliding cars . . . when work will begin on the new buildings . . . wind blowing through the classrooms . . . the Tower Choir tour . . .

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THE COLLEGE OATH

"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the College. We will revere and obey the College laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

To Sing . . .

Again this year the members of the College choir and chorus will lead College students in the singing of Christmas carols during the noon hour of the three days preceding Christmas vacation.

The choir and chorus, under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Whitney, will begin the singing at 12:30 on the second floor of the Administration building today. All students are invited to participate in this holiday festivity.

Reminder to Seniors

All seniors who expect to graduate at the end of the spring semester or summer session are requested to report immediately to the Registrar's Office to sign applications for graduation.

Campus Briefs

The Ag Club dance was held December 13 at the new farm shop. The dance started at 7 p.m. It was sponsored by Mr. F. B. Houghton.



YOU CAN'T MISS IT . . . big tree on the first floor of Administration building.

Limerick

There once was a class in New Writing,
They told of news sad and exciting;

At the semester's end
Their ways they must wend,
Now some others the deadline are fighting.

Air Reserve Unit May Be Organized

Plans are being made to organize Air Force Reserve flight at Maryville. This flight is to be a non-commissioned officers' training course in which the airmen must have a rating of Airman Flight Class or higher.

Although this course is primarily for former Air Force personnel, ex-Navy personnel may come into the program if their specialty can be used by the Air Force.

Two to three meetings are to be attended each month, during Tuesday evenings, beginning at 8 p.m.

A full day's base pay is given for each meeting attended. Also, fifteen days are required every year for active duty on an Air Force base, during which the airman will be awarded full pay for this period. One may apply to serve his active duty at the time of year which is most convenient for him.

Promotions are based on the point system in which one point is given for every meeting attended. Other methods also exist to acquire additional points.

Anyone interested may come to general training meetings at the Armory on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. or write to S/Sgt. Raymond Demingus, 9725 Air Reserve Squadron, U. S. Post Office and Court House, St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Stroller . . .

The new buzzer system in Residence Hall, although not completed, is in working order. Some of the girls say it is startling to have one's buzzer ring after all these weeks of silence.

Peggy Lockridge holds the dubious honor of being the first person to fall on the slippery snow. She won the title with a flying shoulder block to the ground.

Foreign students on the campus often encounter new and perplexing problems. Edith Eckhoff, freshman from the Canal Zone, has one. Her bed falls in! On numerous occasions, Edith has had to call for the assistance of her house-mates to repair her dismantled bed.

As Christmas cards begin to roll in, the campus mailboxes are filled to overflowing.

Just two more days and the students and faculty will have a well-earned vacation. Each will go his way to spend the holiday with family and friends.

Enjoy the holiday and its festivities, keeping in mind the purpose for this celebration. Merry Christmas!

Special Dates!

Dec. 20—Student Christian Association party and carolling.
Noon movie, "Golden Journey."

2 p.m.—Christmas assembly.

5 p.m.—Library staff party.

5 p.m.—Vacation begins.

Jan. 3—8 a.m.—classes begin.
Noon movie, "Strength for Peace"

4—Basketball game with Kirksville.

5—Independent Club Snow Ball.

7—10 a.m.—Assembly, Dwight Cooke.

8 p.m.—Student Recital, Horace Mann.

8—Noon movie, "Eye to the Unknown."

10—2:30 p.m.—Faculty Dames.

Noon movie, "Make Way for Youth."

12—Final exams begin.

18—Semester vacation begins.

College Coeds Elect Sue Wright Ambassador of Christmas Spirit

Wright, of Graham, was elected Spirit of Christmas by coeds in Residence Hall for last Sunday's Hanging of the Green. Miss Wright is a senior working toward a B. S. degree with a major in

of the Green were Kay Ann Allison, Judith Grace Denton, and Hanson.

Spirit of Christmas is a girl elected by the girls of the Hall; Bearers of the are the five senior girls who are runner-ups to the Spirit of Christmas.

and Chorus Add Color
Kriger, the reader, told of the colorful Christmas as the dancers and chorus added color to the presentation. Goodson directed the chorus which was composed of fresh- and sophomore girls.

Kriger was in charge ofancers who were Beverly Murphy, Jo Ann Alice Lukehart, Laura Kay Nicholas and Ferial. Ritual dancers were Nor- and Sandra Toeller. Beverly was the Queen of Mis-

Were Open
completion of the pro- rooms were open for in- by the friends and fami- the girls. Refreshments were served under the direction of Granteer and Joyce Lash.

Denton was in charge of decorations which included the large, majestic tree and the mantel. Red and white artificial poinsettias given by Miss Mildred Horned the mantel. Two poinsettia plants, given by Meta Garrett, night supervisor of the dorm, and Mrs. Helen assistant director of Resi- hall, were placed in the Shirley Heits and Donna general chairmen of the of the Green.



THE RADIANT SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS . . . Sue Wright lighted the traditional candle at the annual Hanging of the Green last Sunday.

Independent Club Holds Carol Party

Independents held their annual Christmas Caroling Party, Tuesday, December 18. Club members divided into groups and caroled at various homes and institutions in Maryville. One of the caroling groups delivered a box of food to a needy family.

Caroling groups returned to the Union where they enjoyed dancing and games under the direction of Carolina DeBow and Eldon Patterson. Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and cookies were served by the refreshment committee, Mary Ellen Watkins and Pat Cottrell.

Raedene Eberle and Ardith Linn conducted a devotional service which ended the party on an impressive spiritual note. Part of the devotions was taken from the Christmas story in the Bible.

Colhecon Has Party In Economics Lounge

The annual Colhecon Christmas party was held in the Home Economics lounge Wednesday, December 12, at 7 p.m.

The freshmen had charge of the entertainment and refreshments. In charge of the games were Janet Sanders, Carolyn Henn, Marilyn Manley, and Mary Ann Salfrank. Betty White and Donna Anderson led the group in Christmas carols. Exchange of gifts and refreshments followed.

The next meeting will be January 9.

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Off-Campus Girls Have Pre-Vacation Parties in Homes

Many of the off-campus girls have been having Christmas parties the two weeks before Christmas vacation.

The homes where only one girl stays have been invited to join some of the larger groups for parties.

Some groups have planned activities such as caroling and bowling. Several householders have planned parties or dinners for the girls at their home.

Following are a list of householders in whose homes off-campus parties are being held: Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Mrs. W. W. Bills, Mrs. Doyle Ferguson, Mrs. Fred Finch, Mrs. Forest Froman, Mrs. Robert Hanna, Mrs. Ralph Hatcher, Mrs. Areletta Holt, Mrs. M. H. Jackson, Mrs. Verlin Morrow.

Mrs. Walley Nelson, Mrs. Ray O'Grady, Mrs. Pyles, Mrs. Roark, Mrs. Ollie Smith, Mrs. Fay Simons, Mrs. Roy Schroeder, Mrs. R. K. Swan, Mrs. Little Thompson, Mrs. Roy Wells, Mrs. Florence Kein, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, and Mrs. Kenneth Walkup.

Sundell Becomes Secretary of IC

Members of the Independent Club met for a short business meeting in the Union lounge, Tuesday, December 4. Vada Sundell was appointed corresponding secretary.

Maxine Hull is chairman of a committee to purchase food for a needy family at Christmas. Other members of the committee are Joann Owens, Karen Crawford and Delbert Smith. Members voted to donate five dollars to the Heifer Fund, a project sponsored by the Maryville churches.

After the meeting, the group enjoyed a record dance in the north dining room. Pat Cottrell and Gary Tolen were in charge of the after-the-meeting entertainment.

Elliott Is Chairman Of IC Committee

Winter Wonderland, a panorama of snowflakes, sprites, and sleighs, will be the theme of the Independent Club formal dance, Saturday, January 5, in the Union lounge.

Beverly Elliott is general chairman of the dance. Bernie Schrick is in charge of obtaining a band. Plans are being made to obtain one of the bands on the campus.

Intermission entertainment is under the direction of Pat Cottrell. Mary Ellen Watkins and Pat Cottrell are in charge of the refreshments.

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Twenty-Nine Honor Students Accept Kappa Delta Pi Rush

Groothuis Installs Art Club Officers

Slides were shown and officers were installed at the Dec. 5 meeting of the Art Club at the Union building.

Al Groothuis, president, and Pat Tunnell, vice-president of Kappa Pi, a national honorary art organization, installed the Art Club officers—Homer Williams, president; Stephen Knott, vice-president; Bernice Roach, secretary; and Jack Carpenter, treasurer.

Gerald Labins, chairman of the program committee, introduced the guest entertainer, Lee Thorkildson, an amateur photographer and student at the College, who showed slides.

Thorkildson's slides included naval scenes, colorful views from Mexico, Honolulu, Okinawa, Tokyo, Hong Kong and points of interest in the United States which he has visited.

Gorton Is Co-Leader At Manhattan Meeting

Charles Gorton, a senior, attended the meeting of the Association of College Unions at Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas, December 7 and 8.

Charles was a co-leader of a student session on "Social and Recreational Aspects of Programming" at the meeting.

About 200 people, representing most of the 41 member schools in Region VIII of the Association of College Unions, attended the meeting.

Sigmas Sing Serenade At Homes Near Campus

Members of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority met at the dorm Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. The group caroled until 7 p.m. at various homes near the campus.

Shirley Dieterich was hostess for the annual Christmas party held at her home. Sorority mothers and daughters exchanged gifts after some group singing of Christmas carols.

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HOTCHKIN'S

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society for juniors and seniors planning to teach, held its annual formal initiation of new members on Thursday evening, December 13th, at 7 p.m. in the Union lounge.

Those initiated include the following with the major field of preparation: Grace Denton, Bonita Allen, Shirley Dieterich, Judy Lucas, Judy Matthews, and Naomi Shipley in elementary of intermediate education; Donald Bennett, Edward Farquhar, Shirley Heits, and Dan Sullivan in mathematics and science; Charlene Steiner and Elaine Tassell in home economics; Margaret Ann Bush in music; Ronald Maurice, Gloria McConkey, Ona Morrison in English.

Woodson Moore, James Roll, Curtis Thomas, and Aleta Mullins in business and economics; Art Buckingham, business and music; Joyce Lash in business and English; Lawrence Brennan in Spanish and social science; Joyce Ely, Alecia Glenn, George Vilas Martin, and Myron Varley in social science; Shirley Moore in business and mathematics; Donna Ross in business and home economics.

Maryville students are Shirley Dieterich, Donald Bennett, Lawrence Brennan, Judy Lucas, and Shirley Moore.

Others from Missouri are Judy Matthews, Rushville; Curtis Thomas, Stanberry; Joyce Ely, Hamilton; Margaret Ann Bush, Forest City; Charlene Steiner, Amity; Joyce Lash, Jamesport; Edward Farquhar, Hopkins; Bonita Allen, Elmira; Shirley Heits, Craig; Donna Ross, Mound City; Woodson Moore, Mill Grove; Vilas Martin, Guilford; Gloria McConkey, Barnard; Ona Morrison, Excelsior Springs; Grace Denton and Art Buckingham, St. Joseph; Naomi Shipley, Grant City.

Membership is open upon invitation to students of all-around scholastic excellence in the upper quintile of the college who have attained at least junior standing and who have potential in leadership and success in their chosen profession. The meeting was followed with a Christmas party planned and staged by a committee composed of pledges.

Bearcats and Bulldogs to Clash January

League Champs Hope to Achieve Conference Crown

By Dave Hansen

Opening their MIAA Conference play here Friday, January 4, the Bearcats take on the Kirksville Bulldogs in a cage battle that is sure to be a thriller. The men of Coach Bob Gregory will be out to boost the number in the 1956 win column, as well as to start the conference play off with a win. Last year the Bulldogs succeeded in taking both league games from the Bearcats by scores of 87-72 and 80-70. In fact, the last time the Bearcats won a game from Kirksville was back in 1951, and then by only one point 57-56.

The Bulldogs, from all reports, have a lot of height to cope with. With better than ten men over 6'4" on the squad, including two men who tower at 6'8", the Bulldogs can be expected to give our boys a rough battle clearing the boards.

Must Brake Bulldogs

If the Bearcats are to win, it appears evident that they will have to put the brakes on the Bulldog scoring leaders. Bill Ausmus of Kirksville, a two year letterman, leads all the MIAA scoring so far this year with an average of 25 points per game, and he is closely followed by his teammate, Delbert Crafton, who is averaging 20 points per tilt.

Kirksville will also be out to start league play with a win that might start the way to a third straight MIAA Conference crown. Coached by Boyd King, a graduate of Kirksville, and assisted by Ken Gardner, another former Bulldog athlete, the Bulldogs have had 9-1 conference records for the last two years.

Partridge and Jackson Help

The Bearcats have tasted both defeat and victory this year in non-conference games, including the Jewell tournament, and it remains to be seen just what result they will have in the MIAA. The two boys from Horace Mann, Partridge and Jackson, can give the 'Cats a considerable boost this year. Partridge went almost scoreless in the first two games against Washburn and Pittsburg, but in the Jewell tourney and in the return game with Washburn, he showed that he has the ability to pour in the points. Leland Jackson, with his 6'6" frame can do a lot to help against the big fellows under the hoop. Coach Gregory can always count upon his stalwarts, Ed Kavanaugh, Dick Phillips, Marland Ray, and Bob Alcorn to give him a balanced attack. Kavanaugh can be switched in under the boards to help hold down the giants, and he can always be counted upon to take his share of the rebounds.

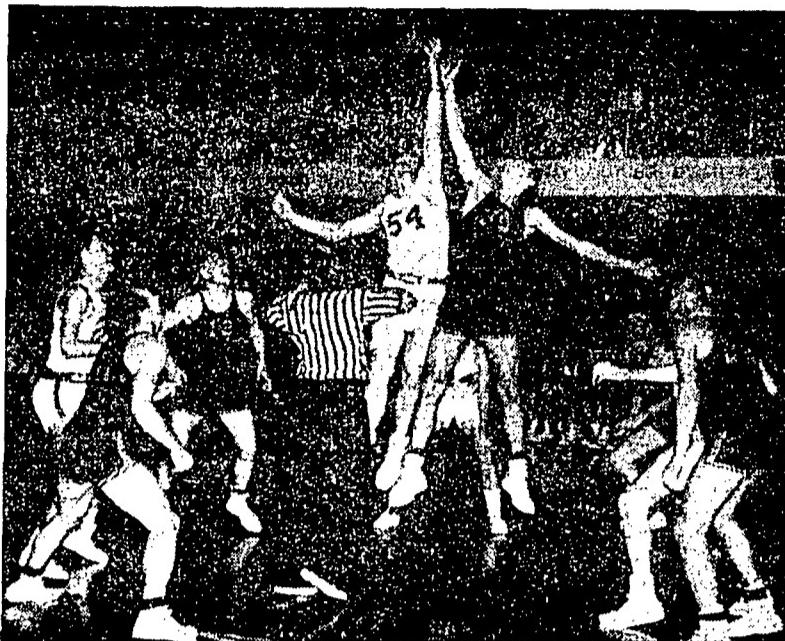
If the Bearcats can play good steady ball all night long, and are given a decent share of the "breaks" that are always present, Coach Gregory can almost look forward to a good season. One way to start would be to come out on top in the game against Kirksville the fourth.

Jack McCracken Is Ill In Denver Hospital

Jumpin' Jack McCracken, former all-American basketball star at Northwest Missouri State, is ill in St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Letters and cards from friends would be welcomed by McCracken.

McCracken played center on the 1931-32 NWMSC cage team that finished the season in second place nationally. This team, which produced several all-Americans, was coached by Hank Iba, who is head cage coach at Oklahoma A & M.

He played A. A. U. ball for over 13 years and later coached the Phillips Oilers team. McCracken was recently named to the Helm's Basketball Hall of Fame. The plaque presented to him is in the College trophy case in the gym.



JUMP, RON, JUMP . . . Ron Partridge, Bearcat center, is shown here controlling one of the many tips that the Bearcats succeeded in getting in last Friday night's game with Pittsburg State College. The opposing center pictured is Fred Harder of Pitt. The Bearcats won the rough and tumble cage battle by a score of 90-82.

Random Shots . . .

by Rich Fleming

The Maryville College Bearcats' cage team has had a pleasant change of pace, winning four straight games after losing their first three starts. The team beat Detroit Tech and Grace Land in the William Jewell Tournament to win consolation honors after losing their first game to Oklahoma Baptist. The 'Cats then returned home to whip Washburn Tuesday night in a 67-64 thriller that had everyone squirming in his seat at the finish. Ron Partridge came through with a clutch basket and Marland Ray sank two vital free throws in the closing minutes to put the game on ice for the Bearcats.

The "B" team lost its second game of the season in the preliminary game Tuesday night as Tarkio won 66-65. Missed free throws were again the downfall of the "Little" Bearcats.

After six games, Bob Alcorn is leading the Bearcat scorers with 85 points scored for an average of 14.2 points per game. Close behind is Marland Ray who has canned 82 points for an average of 13.7 per game. Dick Phillips, Ed Kavanaugh, and Jim Sharp have scored 56, 52, and 50 points, respectively.

The Bearcats will try to continue their winning streak as they swing into a road trip through Iowa and Illinois during the Christmas holidays. The first game is with Iowa Teachers on Dec. 19, followed by games with Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Northern Illinois at DeKalb, Illinois. Let's hope they can keep winning.

Several members of the track squad have been working out already in an effort to get ready for the coming track season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY! See you next year.

Bearcats Whip Pitt Gorillas; Winning Streak Moves to Four

The Bearcats did it! Helped along by free throws and the sharp shooting of Bob Alcorn and Dick Phillips, the men of Coach Bob Gregory rewarded the home fans Friday night with a win over Pittsburg State College by the score of 90-82. The Gorillas had previously walloped the Bearcats at Pittsburg by a score of 98-77.

Again it was much the same story as it has been in the previous games with Alcorn, Kavanaugh, and Phillips leading the scoring, drawing 24, 18, and 21 points, respectively. Even though playing with an injured hand, Bob Alcorn hit a perfect 100 percent on free throws, hitting on 14 out of 14.

Again Kavanaugh showed his tremendous scrap and fighting spirit out on the floor, grabbing many rebounds and drawing fouls in the process from the opposing players.

The game was a rough and tumble battle from the first jump, as was evidenced by the many fouls called. Four of Pittsburg's men fouled out in the second half along with the Bearcats' Don Eklund.

Ed Nealy continued to be Pitt's big gun, picking up some 18 points. Several times during the evening the game was all tied up, but when the Gorillas started fouling out, the Bearcats were able to pull ahead.

Playing a good brand of ball and showing some good shooting skill, the 'Cats won a victory that they truly deserved.

Bearcats to Tangle With Iowa Colleges

Tonight the College basketball squad travels to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a cage tussle with the Iowa State Teachers College hoopsters. This is the first meeting of the two teams and not too much advance information is known about the Teachers. ISTC is a large school and usually has a fair basketball team.

Another Iowa college team that the Bearcats meet this week is that of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Bearcats played neither team last year, and again not much is known of the Coe team. The Coe game will be played at Coe, Friday evening, December 21.

Revengeful Cagers Win Home Opener From Washburn U.

Revenging an earlier defeat at the hands of Washburn University, the Bearcats turned the tables on the cagers from Kansas and won their first home game of the season on December 11, when they fought down to the last second to defeat Washburn 67-64 before a full house in the men's gym. With almost deadly accuracy at the free throw line, the men of Coach Bob Gregory cashed in on 35 gift shots to stop the fast moving Washburn team led by guard John Darr.

For the Bearcats, it was an all-round victory with scoring honors going to Marland Ray who hit for 19 points. Other men who hit more than ten counters were Alcorn, Partridge, and Phillips. The Bearcat game was characterized by the savage rebounding of Ed "Butch" Kavanaugh and the torrid free throwing of Marland Ray and Ron Partridge. Even though Kavanaugh was working the boards, the 'Cats had trouble getting their share of the rebounds all night long.

Again, as was the case at Topeka, the man who about tamed the Bearcats was Washburn's John Darr, who seemed to be all over the floor at once. Darr picked up 28 points during the evening, 22 of them in the second half, but a technical foul against Washburn coupled with Partridge's basket with 40 seconds remaining spelled the difference between victory and defeat for Gregory's men.

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At the near closing of the round of intramural basketball following standing prevail:

| | Wins |
|-------------------|------|
| Sigma Tau Gamma | 12 |
| Phi Sigma Epsilon | 10 |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon | 7 |
| Independents | 2 |
| Tiger Den | 3 |
| Rams | 2 |
| Guys | 2 |
| Scouts | 1 |
| Skunks | 1 |

The high scorers of the thus far are the following: Dick Flanagan, John Schulz, Vin Black, and Marvin W. Phi Sigs, Merrill Nisely, Zachary, Bill Crowley, and Horner; Tkes, Nick Mattson, Brugmann, and Bill Farnsworth, Independents, Larry Surplus, Cole, and Eddie Carter, leading scorers on the independent teams are Jim Reeves, Skunks, Monty McVicker, Scouts, and Logan McGinnis, Tiger Den.

Other notable highlights two undefeated teams, Cub "71", both representing the Cubs also scored 87 points. The Cubs held high game honors thus far. Logan McGinness holds high game honors thus far. points. Also, what every considers the biggest upset is history of the Guys over the Tigers 32-30.

A great satisfaction to Dr. Peterson, head of the intramural program, is there hasn't been forfeits as of yet, a fact which plays an all-out participation involved.

At the close of the basketball program, the Intramural Commission plans to have a free contest. Then, activities like volleyball, badminton, swimming, bowling, and softball in regular intervals will get underway added attraction to the weekend program is wrestling, participation can easily be an annual activity.

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